



# Education Planner 2016-17

## Scheduling a Field Trip or In-Class Lesson

1. Program and registration information, support materials, and additional activities are available on the park's website: [nps.gov/anjo/learn/education/index.htm](http://nps.gov/anjo/learn/education/index.htm)
2. All ranger-led programs are by appointment only. Make your appointment by emailing Chief of Education Stephanie Steinhorst at: [Stephanie\\_Steinhorst@nps.gov](mailto:Stephanie_Steinhorst@nps.gov) or call 423-639-3711 ext. 103
3. Reservations must be made at least two weeks prior to the date that you intend to visit or have a ranger visit your classroom.
4. Ranger-led programs are available to groups no larger than 100 students at a time. Suggested maximum group size is 75.
5. Review the Field Trip Policies and Expectations on page 2 of this planner.
6. All ranger-led programs are subject to staff availability.



A National Park Ranger gives a talk to a group of students at the Johnson Family Plot in Andrew Johnson National Cemetery.

## Teaching Social Studies through the story of Andrew Johnson

A visit to Andrew Johnson National Historic Site provides teachers and students the unique opportunity to study social studies concepts at the home of our nation's 17th President. The National Park Service has developed a series of on-site and in-class lessons that conform to Tennessee social studies standards and give students an idea about why Andrew Johnson played such an important role in the development of our community and nation.

This guide provides an overview of our lessons and educational resources. All educational visits are free of charge. In some cases transportation money may be available to help defray the costs of transporting students to the site.

## **Andrew Johnson National Historic Site**

The Andrew Johnson National Monument was authorized by Congress in 1935, established by Franklin Roosevelt in 1942, and redesignated the Andrew Johnson National Historic Site in 1965. The four main areas of the site, the Tailor Shop, the National Cemetery, the Homestead, and the Early Home went through several variations before being brought under one authority. The War Department originally oversaw the National Cemetery, and the state of Tennessee protected the Tailor Shop. Thanks to the dedication and on-going political savvy of the Johnson descendants, the legacy of the 17th President is now the responsibility of the National Park Service.

The site tells the story of a tumultuous time in history - the effects of which we still feel today. It also tells the story of a family that grew with the nation and endured the Civil War and the struggles of Reconstruction.

### **Andrew Johnson National Historic Site and Andrew Johnson National Cemetery**

121 Monument Avenue  
Greeneville, TN 37743

**Phone**  
423-639-3711

**Official Website**  
[nps.gov/anjo/](https://nps.gov/anjo/)

**Teacher Information**  
[nps.gov/anjo/learn/education/index.htm](https://nps.gov/anjo/learn/education/index.htm)

The National Park Service cares for the special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

# Field Trip Policies and Expectations

Please be aware of the following when planning and scheduling a field trip to the site:

- Please have bus(es) park in the designated bus spots in the parking lot at the intersection of Depot and Academy Streets. Do not drop students off in front of the visitor center. Please do not allow students to depart the bus until a ranger has boarded to give students a safety and etiquette reminder.
- Park rangers rely on the teachers and chaperones to assist with student discipline.
- Please notify the site if you will be more than 15 minutes late, by calling 423-638-3551.
- No food or drinks are allowed inside the visitor center, Early Home, or Andrew Johnson Homestead.
- Much of your visit will be spent outdoors. Please be sure students are dressed appropriately for weather conditions. For safety and comfort, students must wear closed-toed shoes.
- Visiting the site requires walking alongside and across busy streets in Downtown Greeneville.
- The Andrew Johnson Homestead is not wheelchair accessible.
- The only restrooms on site are outside the visitor center.

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## Places to Visit:

1. Andrew Johnson Visitor Center Museum and Tailor Shop (30 minutes)
2. Andrew Johnson Homestead Tour with Park Ranger Guide (30 minutes)
3. Self-Guided Exploration of the Andrew Johnson Early Home (15 minutes)
4. Self-Guided Exploration of the Birthplace Replica (5 minutes)
5. Andrew Johnson National Cemetery (20 minutes)

# Summary of On-Site Education Offerings

All on-site educational programs at Andrew Johnson National Historic Site are FREE and aligned with Tennessee social studies standards. For more information about the standards each program reaches, please see program descriptions.



## Ranger-led Field Trips

Ranger-led field trips often require breaking your group down into three or four sub-groups. The largest recommended group size of the sub-groups is 20, with an absolute maximum of 25. The students rotate amongst the teacher-guided Andrew Johnson Visitor Center, a ranger-guided tour of the Andrew Johnson Homestead, and a ranger-led walk in the National Cemetery. Large groups may also visit the Greeneville Greene County History Museum as a third or fourth indoor stop. Please see the description of each of the ranger-led activities below:

### Kindergarten & First Grade

#### *Examining the Wants and Needs of a Presidential Family*

This activity is aligned with Tennessee social studies standards K.5, K.6, K.8, 1.8, 1.9, and 1.10. In this activity students will learn about wants and needs and look at the ways that the Johnson family was able to satisfy their wants and needs through purchasing different goods and services.

### Second Grade and Third Grade

#### *Supply and Demand in the Time of Andrew Johnson*

This activity is aligned with Tennessee social studies standards 2.7, 3.25, and 3.26. In this activity students will examine how supply affects demand and take a look at how goods and services are exchanged on a local and regional level. Students will use the barter system to obtain the materials they need to do their job.

### Fourth Grade

#### *Andrew Johnson: The Constitution President*

This activity is aligned with Tennessee social studies standard 4.41. In this activity students will examine why Andrew Johnson considered himself a “Defender of the Constitution” and describe the principles embedded in the Constitution, including the separation of powers, branches of government, and checks and balances.

### Fifth Grade and Eighth Grade

#### *Reconsider Reconstruction*

This activity is aligned with Tennessee social studies standards 5.23 and 8.85. In this activity, students will examine political cartoons from the Reconstruction Era to take a look at Reconstruction policy and how Reconstruction was perceived to be either a failure or success by different groups of people.



# Summary of In-Class Education Offerings

All in-class lessons offered by rangers from Andrew Johnson National Historic Site are FREE and aligned with Tennessee social studies standards. For more information about the standards each program reaches, please see program descriptions.



## Kindergarten

### *Symbols of Tennessee and Our Nation*

Students learn about some of our state and national symbols in this interactive and fun, in-class program taught by park rangers from Andrew Johnson National Historic Site. This program targets social studies standards K.14, K.16, and K.18.

## First Grade

### *Your Vote Counts!*

Students learn the value of voting in this free, interactive, and fun in-class program taught by park rangers from Andrew Johnson National Historic Site. This program targets social studies standards 1.25, 1.27, 1.28, 1.30, 1.32, and 1.41.

## Second Grade

### *The Culture of Tennessee*

Students examine artifacts to discuss different aspects of culture in this free, interactive and fun in-class program taught by park rangers from Andrew Johnson National Historic Site. This program targets social studies standards 2.1, 2.3, 2.17, 2.20, 2.22, and 2.40.

## Third Grade

### *Our Neighbor the President*

Students use primary sources to piece together a timeline of history in this free, interactive and fun in-class program taught by park rangers from Andrew Johnson National Historic Site. This program targets social studies standards 3.15 and 3.16.

## Fourth Grade

### *Andrew Johnson: Defender of the Constitution*

Students learn about our United States Constitution and Andrew Johnson's connection to it in this interactive lesson taught by park rangers from Andrew Johnson National Historic Site. This program targets Tennessee social studies standards 4.23, 4.37, and 4.41.

## Fifth Grade

### *High Crimes and Misdemeanors: The Impeachment of Andrew Johnson*

Students work in teams to analyze primary sources that outline the reasons why Andrew Johnson was impeached. Students then vote in a mock impeachment trial. This program targets Tennessee social studies standards 5.15, 5.17,

## *Summary of In-Class Education Offerings continued*

### **Eighth Grade**

#### ***Land for the Landless: Andrew Johnson and the Homestead Act***

Students learn about the Homestead Act of 1862 and the ways in which it forever altered the landscape of the American West. This program targets social studies standards 8.89 and 8.94 for eighth grade while highlighting the influence of our 17th President, Andrew Johnson.

Besides the lessons listed above, park rangers from the Andrew Johnson National Historic may be able to work with your group to provide a lesson that is “tailor-made” to the needs of your group. Please contact the park to discuss those options, 423-639-3711 x103.

## **After School Programs**

Are you interested in having a park ranger from Andrew Johnson National Historic Site visit with your school’s Extended School Program (ESP)? Some of the topics that rangers offer to after-school groups include:

- Andrew Johnson and the Trans-Atlantic Telegraph
- American Symbols
- Civil War Era Games
- Civil War Reader’s Theater
- Flag Etiquette
- The Story of Andrew Johnson
- Animal Olympics
- History of National Parks
- **\*\*New in 2017\*\*** A weekly exploration of different National Parks and what makes them special. Kids receive their own passport and have the opportunity to write and stamp with each new entry.

# Celebrating the National Park Service Centennial in 2017

How many candles will be on the cake the next time you celebrate your birthday? In 2017 the National Park Service is 100 years old! This Centennial will kick off a second century of stewardship of America's national parks and engaging communities through recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs. Join the celebration to explore, learn, discover, be inspired, or simply have fun in over 400 national parks. To find out more visit [www.findyourpark.com](http://www.findyourpark.com).

Park rangers at Andrew Johnson National Historic Site are joining in the celebration by participating in the Every Kid in a Park program. The goal of this ambitious program is to provide an opportunity for each and every 4th grade student across the country to experience their federal public lands and waters in person throughout the 2015-2016 school year. For more information about the Every Kid in a Park initiative, please visit [www.everykidinapark.gov](http://www.everykidinapark.gov).

